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Mystics Win in Style

Mason Thorenson and Levi Holzer for *The Mystician*

Thursday, Jan. 11, the Bismarck State College Mystics faced off against the Lumberjacks of Dakota College at Bottineau. The Lumberjacks came into the game 15-1 on the season.

BSC went into the game without their leading scorer, Tronis Mckay, who was sidelined recently with a knee injury. Despite Mckay's absence, the Mystics welcomed sophomore center, Jared Walter, back to the starting five for Thursday night's thrilling match.

"I felt like we played well as a team, despite the numerous injuries we have had lately," Buster Gilliss, BSC men's basketball coach, said. "Bottineau is a very talented team with an impressive season record."

The game started fast-paced with both teams playing a zone defense; the Lumberjacks started the game with a full-court press. However, early foul trouble haunted DCB's starters in the first half.

Because of this, the Mystics took their fair share of free-throws and were able to capitalize by shooting 75 percent from the line, compared to the Lumberjacks' 54.5 percent. The Jacks ended the first half leading by nine with a score of 60-51, but had three starters with more than three fouls; this would plague them late in the game.

The Mystics came out of halftime

firing on all five cylinders. With a couple of DCB turnovers, and Zac Martin and Dante Fischer hitting quick threes for the Mystics, BSC was right back in the game.

"I had no idea I was going to have that great of a game," Martin said. "During warm-ups, I felt good and just played good within the game."

"I felt like we played well as a team. It was an all-around team effort."

-Buster Gilliss

The nine point lead the Jacks once had—turned into a one point deficit, as the second half's ten-minute mark approached. Then in the last seven minutes, DCB watched four players foul out of the game.

With only 15 seconds on the clock Gilliss called a timeout which would set up a dramatic finish to an already action-packed game.

"In the timeout, we talked about taking another time out if we needed it," Gilliss said. "Once the ball got back on the court the players had to attack the basket—time was ticking fast."

Out of the timeout, the Mystics came,

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Students Need to Sign Form

Hunter Andes for *The Mystician*

Additional student fees, time and hassle – these are the things that students transferring between most of North Dakota's colleges and universities can avoid by simply signing a piece of paper.

Seventeen of North Dakota's higher education institutions, along with one in Minnesota, have an agreement known as GERTA (General Education Requirements Transfer Agreement), which many students may not even be aware of.

The Bismarck State College website defines GERTA as this: GERTA is a system wide plan that allows you to complete general education requirements (GER) at any [North Dakota] University System campus

or North Dakota tribal college and then transfer your general education program to another institution.

Tom Leno, BSC registrar, is the man to talk to when it comes to GERTA.

"Created in 1994, the purpose of GERTA was to simplify the North Dakota University System's transferring process," he said. "Since that time, however, GERTA has went beyond just the NDUS and now includes University of Jamestown and all the state's tribal colleges. The University of Minnesota Moorhead also recognizes North Dakota's GERTA standard."

This process isn't just assumed, however, and not guaranteed unless signing the GERTA form. Students

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Zac Martin, shooting one of his many three-point shots against a Dakota College at Bottineau Lumberjack Thursday, Jan. 11. Martin made a game winning three with only seconds left in the game. The Mystics won 92-90. Photograph by Hunter Andes

SGA to Host Student Forum

SGA President Chase Schuh Announces – Talk-os in a Bag

President Larry Skogen is seeking student input on Bismarck State College's strategic plan for 2018-2023. To help gather input is Marnie Piehl, BSC's chief college relations officer. The two have been working with BSC's Student Government Association to host open forums, so students can review the strategic plan and make suggestions.

The event is aimed to provide clarity on what BSC plans for its students, as well as get students involved with the process of creating BSC's next strategic plan. The college's goals revolve around student success.

Chase Schuh, president of SGA, would like to see student turnout at the event. It will take place on two separate days: Monday, Jan. 29 and Tuesday, Jan. 30 from noon to 1 p.m. both days in the Alumni Room of the Student Union.

Members of BSC's Student Government Association will be in attendance on both days helping to lead the discussion with students and to help explain parts of the strategic plan. Free Tacos in a Bag will also be served to students who attend the open forum.

GradFest and Transfer Day

Bismarck State College's GradFest is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 14. Students who plan on transferring to a different institution are highly encouraged to attend.

The event will be on the fourth floor of the National Energy Center of Excellence from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free taco in a bag will be provided for the attendees of the event.

Students will be able to apply for graduation, sign GERTA forms, review college finances, visit with over 10 institutions and enroll in classes.

Free Your Imagination with Figments of Imagination

The Literary Publications class is in production mode for the upcoming "Figments of Imagination" that will be published this spring.

The class will soon be asking Bismarck State College students to submit their best writing, artwork and photography for consideration to be included in this year's publication.

For more information about the class or to submit works, contact Joshua Kern, associate professor of English, in LEA Hall Room 303C, call 701-224-5602 or e-mail joshua.kern@bismarckstate.edu

Last year was the 25th anniversary edition of the literary magazine, which won a College Media Association Pinnacle Award for 2017. Copies are free for BSC students and can be found in the Library or The Armory.



North Dakota University System GERTA Example

A student is planning to attend Bismarck State College. John Doe completed an AAS degree at North Dakota State College of Science. While all AA and AS degrees have complete General Education Requirement (GER) components, AAS degrees often do not.

When John Doe earns his AA or AS degree at BSC, the GER courses he took at NDSCS for his AAS will be considered complete at BSC and at any other GERTA institution to which he will transfer.

Students Need to Sign Form: Continued

transferring out are encouraged to sign the GERTA form with the campus registrar. If a student fails to sign the form, the institution they are transferring to doesn't have to accept the GER course, which could result in the student having to retake the course.

could easily have two to three as many students who would have verification; I just don't think they are aware of it. Some students may be aware of it, but don't request it, too."

Students who are only at BSC for a brief amount of time are also eligible, and encouraged, to sign the GERTA form.

The GERTA form can be signed at any time, but the sooner the better in order to ensure a problem free transfer to the previously mentioned institutions.

"I'm sure we could easily have two to three as many students who would have verification; I just don't think they are aware of it."

-Tom Leno

Cambri Evanson, BSC sophomore who will be transferring to the University of North Dakota, had no idea a form needed to be signed.

"I have heard the term GERTA used before," Evanson said. "I just didn't know I had to sign anything. My adviser never mentioned it."

On the other hand, Melanie Dougan, who will also be transferring to university, was aware she had to sign the GERTA form.

"We have talked about it in class a couple times before," Dougan said.

BSC students are more likely than not unaware of the GERTA form, because under two dozen signed the form in the last academic year.

"It was only around 15 to 20 students who signed the GERTA forms last year," Leno said. "Given the many students who transfer out of BSC, it certainly could have been a lot more. I'm sure we

"BSC doesn't have all the same courses as Wahpeton [North Dakota State College of Science]," Leno said.

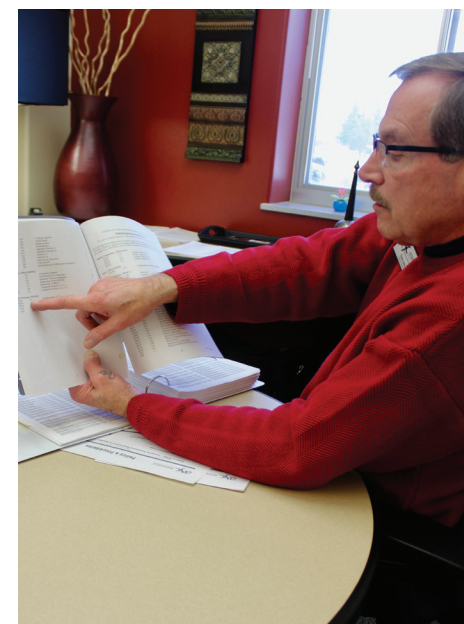
"For instance, if a NDSCS student has a course that BSC doesn't offer, such as Fundamentals of Nanoscience, and that student transfers to BSC, we'll accept that class to the area they apply to—in this case Science and Technology."

He said even though BSC doesn't offer the course, they accept it because it is a GER course.

Leno also said even if a student earns only a semester or year of courses, not the entire AA or AS degree, it is still guaranteed that the GER courses will be transferred via the GERTA form.

There is only one college and one university that are not included in GERTA: University of Mary and Trinity Bible College at Ellendale.

"What a great option," Leno said.



Tom Leno, BSC Registrar, pointing out a GER course in the GERTA Guide. Photograph by Hunter Andes

IMPORTANT GERTA INFORMATION

→ Students who would like to complete the GERTA form can meet with BSC Registrar, Tom Leno, in the Academic Records office on first floor of Schafer Hall.

→ The form can also be found on the BSC website, filled out, and either mailed, faxed, or hand delivered to the Academic Records office.

→ The GERTA guide can be found at the NDUS website, for further explanation of what GERTA is.

→ Go to Students and click Easy Transfer within or to N.D. Campuses.

→ BSC information is available on the BSC website.

→ Attend GradFest Feb. 14.

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Rachel Writes About Reads

Rachel Vitek for The Mystician

There are certain books that are important for people to read at some point in their lives. These books tend to teach valuable lessons—lessons that are sometimes easier to understand in works of fiction.

The novel “Wonder,” written by R.J. Palacio, happens to be one of these books. Even though it’s labeled as a children’s book, it can still teach lessons to people of all ages.

“Wonder” is about a young boy, Augie, who was born with facial deformities. He goes through numerous surgeries attempting to form his face into resembling a normal child; however, he still ends up looking different from all the other children.

The novel shows Augie’s journey as he attends school for the first time. It’s not easy because of how he looks on the outside. The accuracy at which the other children act around him is heartbreaking for anyone reading the story.

There are different lessons that I believe can be pulled from this novel. The first lesson is the more obvious one, an attempt to stop bullying.

If children read this novel and are able to understand it, hopefully it will allow them to have empathy and realize what terrible things can be said to people. After reading “Wonder,” no child should be able to make fun of another person’s appearance without thinking about the consequences.

The second lesson comes from the

portion of the book where Augie’s sister is the narrator. This is a lesson that can be reserved for parents because she feels left out with all the attention the parents give to Augie, and this forces her to close off. This can be a lesson to all the parents who might be unknowingly giving one of their children more attention than another and how it can hurt the other children.

“I think there should be a rule that everyone in the world should get a standing ovation at least once in their lives.”

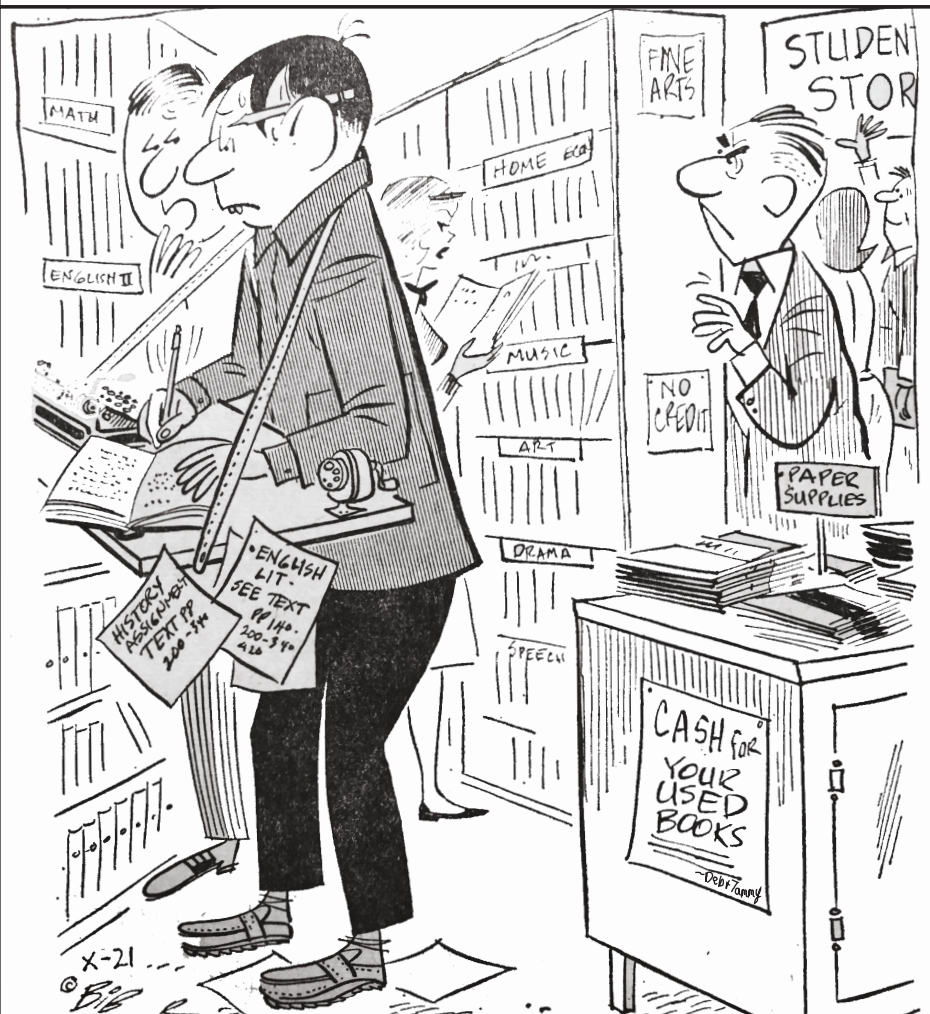
-Line from “Wonder”

Aside from the lessons in “Wonder,” it is an enjoyable read. It has humor mixed with a tear-jerking plot. If a book can make you laugh, but also make you cry, it is an amazing book.

I want to add a line from the book that caught my eye: “I think there should be a rule that everyone in the world should get a standing ovation at least once in their lives.” This line stood out to me, because I agree with it completely. Everyone deserves to have a moment that makes it feel like everyone in the room loves them. Everyone also deserves to feel like they did something great in their lives, and I think that line sums that feeling up perfectly.

It’s the kind of book that should be read in school at the earliest age possible. It should be a required read for children and for beginning parents. Not everyone may enjoy this book, but I believe everyone should read it.

Comic below was published in Volume 14, Number 8 of The Mystician on April 28, 1961. There is a modern editor’s touch added—can you find it?



“One of these days ya better buy a text—th’ bookstore manager is gettin’ kinda ‘TD OFF.’”

EVENT CALENDAR

Hot Chocolate and Mug Decorating

Jan. 24
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Student Union

Mac & Cheese Bowl

Feb. 1
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Mystic Marketplace

Mystics’ Basketball

Feb. 1
W: 5: 30 M: 7:30 p.m.
The Armory

SGA Rose Sale Begins

Feb. 5
(Pickup Roses Feb. 14)

Chili & Cinnamon Rolls

Feb. 6
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Mystic Marketplace

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Feb. 8
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Student Union

Create a Conversational Heart Pillow

Feb. 8
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Student Union

Mystics’ Basketball

Feb. 8
W: 5: 30 M: 7:30 p.m.
The Armory

Chocolate Fountain & Make Your Own Valentine

Feb. 14
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Student Union

Gradfest & Transfer Day

Feb. 14
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
NECE Building

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"1880" North Dakota Farmers



Art Depicting Farm Life

Richard Martinson, Sanborn, N.D.

"Life takes many fast turns," Martinson said. "Some of mine [work] includes making a living as a farmer and rancher, driving trucks from coast to coast, and performing highway construction all across the Western states. I traveled for many years."

In 1986, I picked up my art again during a winter layoff. Another stint of work ensued until 1992, when I started painting intermittently until I retired.

Now that I am retired it is time for me to pick up the brush and depict the western and rural way of life, including the characters that go along with it.

I travel full time in an RV from North Dakota to Arizona, a snowbird following seasons. I enjoy painting the lay of the land from prairie to desert, points of interest and covering the past to the present. I hope to share what I've seen with everyone."

Comic below was published in Volume 13, Number 2 of The Mystician on Oct. 30, 1959. There are two modern editor's touches added—can you find them?

Sound Familiar?



"Time to wake up -- can I borrow these for my history class?"

Dummies Race for Scholarships at Huff



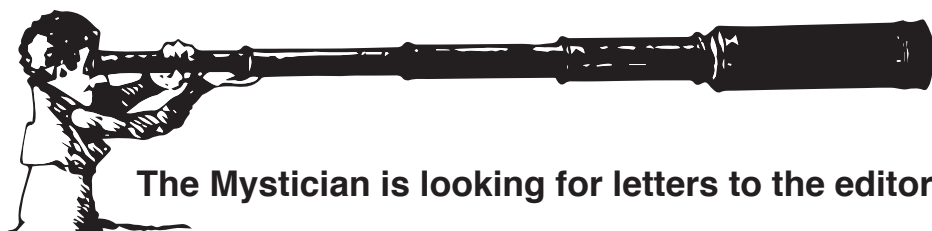
Feb. 2017 dummy race at Huff Hills, Huff, N.D. Photograph by Hunter Andes

This year's Winter Dummy Race will take place Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. at Huff Hills. The race is a fundraiser put together by the Erickson-Merkel Foundation, which gives scholarships to students who work and go to school full-time.

Participants in the race build a dummy, and push it down the ski slope in order to see who's dummy can reach the bottom first. The dummies cannot have any motors or projectiles, nor can they be offensive.

Pre-registration for the event is \$30, and same day registration is \$40. Day of registration starts at 2:30 p.m. There are no limits to the number of members or dummies per team.

The event can be found on Facebook by searching Winter Dummy Race 2018. This event is free to the public who would like to watch. Those who enter the race, will be supporting a good cause, as all proceeds will go toward the scholarships.



The Mystician is looking for letters to the editor.

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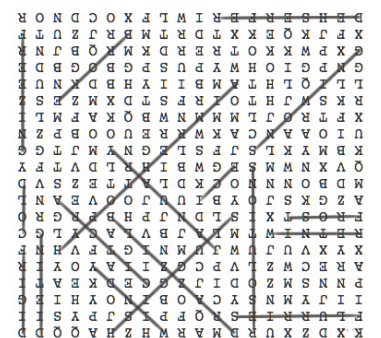
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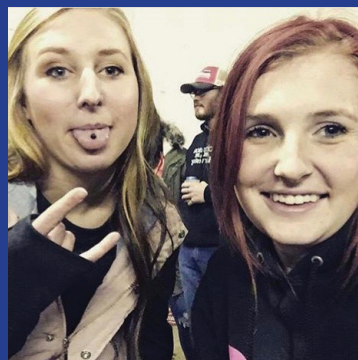
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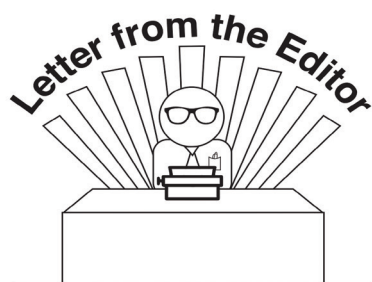


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OPINION



Hello, and welcome back to Bismarck State College. I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas Break—I know I enjoyed it.

As we start off the new year with new courses and new professors, a slight change in The Mystician has also occurred. Previously, the sections of this publication were News, Arts and Entertainment, Opinion, Sports and Community. The only major change is this:

Arts and Entertainment turned into Gallery. Some design changes also occurred.

In the archives of The Mystician, one can find that their used to be a section named Gallery. It had poems, pictures, etc. The Mystician's Gallery eventually formed into what is now known as Figments of Imagination. The new Gallery will not be like the old one; I just like the name better.

I stressed it at the beginning of the year, and I will stress it again—any student with an aspiration to write for The Mystician, please inquire. It is technically a one credit course; however, that doesn't prevent a student from participating.

In April 2016, I wrote my first story for The Mystician. I typed it on my typewriter and brought it in. The staff at that time probably thought who is this weirdo that uses a typewriter to write his papers.

All are welcome – no matter how different.

Hunter Lee Andes

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Get Your Sass Back to Class

Amanda Joyce for The Mystician



It's that time of the year again, everyone is back from the holidays and most likely has a new outlook on life. You know what I'm talking about:

New Year's resolutions. Oh yes, it's that special time of the year when stores heavily over price any type of workout gear, and suddenly your email is bombarded with ads trying to get you to sign up for a bunch of once in a lifetime deal.

As great as New Year's resolutions are, people rarely stick to them. For example, in November of 2016, I signed up for personal training because I thought I was getting a great deal. I was convinced that I would lose a bunch of weight, get my diet onto a strict plan and that I would turn into a fitness blogger who had millions of followers, begging for my secrets on living a healthier life. Do you think any of that happened? Nope.

What I actually got, was 12 months of extreme gym payments to see a trainer twice a week, a large amount of chiropractic bills, and an extreme hatred of locker rooms. Don't get me wrong, I'm still working out, but it's not because I want to. It's because I convinced myself that \$400 a month was not a reasonable price to pay for someone to yell at you constantly.

Instead, I decided that this year, along with a newfound hatred of myself because I can no longer afford anything, I would change my resolutions to do things I wanted.

I decided to invest in more "me" time and reward myself for making it through a lot of hardships and struggles.

I love photography and traveling, so this year I am dedicating my free time to taking trips and surrounding myself with people I enjoy. I already have three trips lined up with the possibility of a fourth.

I am going to Kansas City, Mo. for Bismarck State College's honor society Phi Theta Kappa of which I am a proud member. I am going to Cancun for a family vacation in October, and I am going to enjoy all that Mexico has to offer.

I know that not everyone can afford to take trips all the time, but you don't have to travel to reward yourself. If you've been wanting to do something, but never had the courage to do it, this is the sign you've been waiting for.

We won't be young forever, so we have to enjoy what life offers us when we can. Sooner or later, we won't have these opportunities and we will be wishing we did something instead of thinking about how amazing it could have been.

With that in mind, do your homework, do something to make yourself happy, and get your sass back to class.

Blackboard Leaves Something to be Desired

Hunter Andes for The Mystician



Blackboard, the new internet education system at Bismarck State College is, at the very least, interesting.

Finding out a grade, something once so easy for students, has become unnecessarily complicated by technology.

The number of teachers that use Blackboard, yet have no idea how to properly use it, is irritating. All the faculty, who are using Blackboard, should have received mandatory training before the academic year started – not voluntary.

Faculty had the option to learn in a class that was provided last year—students did not. Students should have at least been offered training on how to use Blackboard.

Students could have benefited from an instructional video. Many sophomores have already taken intro to computers and learned the old system, e-companion. The college made it arduous for upper classmen by throwing Blackboard at them with no guidance.

What's another video to sit through? It couldn't be worse than the misandrist interactive hook-up tutorial freshmen are required to wastefully watch, but that's another editorial.

The fact that Blackboard seems to always be offline whenever an assignment is due is the most frustrating. It's not the students' fault that Blackboard isn't functioning.

This is not only disappointing, but unacceptable. Especially when an assignment is completed, but the teacher denies credit because Blackboard wasn't working. Seriously—it is not the students' fault that a school-maintained system failed to work properly.

Teachers often express how much easier it is to do grading via Blackboard. Even if that's so, above all else, the student's experience is what should be taken into account.

When concern is raised, the response is almost always: "Why don't you just get the app? It's color-coded for you then."

Why do students need an app to see their grades? It's ridiculous. Some students may not have the privilege of owning a smartphone.

With e-companion, the class percentage and letter grade were displayed on the top of each course's page. With Blackboard, it's difficult to even find the percentage and letter grade.

And if it is found, it often shows a fraction instead. The student then has to do the math to get their grade, which defeats the purpose of technology.

What a joke.

It all comes down to this: Students take classes on campus for a reason. If the student wanted to do everything on the internet, they would stay home in their pajamas and take online classes.

The teachers who only accept homework online in an on-campus class need to reevaluate. Blackboard, and the internet in general, have proven time and time again how unreliable they are.

Some instructors have chosen to bypass Blackboard, and many students love it. They grade like on-campus instructors should—with paper.

One instructor gives each student a record sheet, and when the student receives their graded homework, they document their points. That way the teacher and student both have records, and if there's a discrepancy, they can be compared.

Said instructor's way of grading eliminates headaches, confusion, the need for the internet, and hard feelings between the teacher and the student due to the unreliability of Blackboard.

The instructor said he has never had a student file a grading grievance against him in the countless years he has been at BSC.

It's time to take a lesson from the handful of faculty who are old school—their systems not only work, but are effective.

Blackboard is a joke.

The Mystician accepts letters to the editor. All letters must be signed and dated. Bring letters to Room 125 of The Armory or e-mail a signed copy to Hunter.L.Andes@ndus.edu

SPORTS

Mystics Win in Style: Continued

down by one. Dante Fischer inbounded at half court. The pass went to Kyjuan Johnson, not finding clearance down low, so he passed to Martin.

With only nine seconds left on the clock, Martin passed cross court to Fischer who skipped it right back to Johnson who passed to the left corner to find Martin wide open.

With five seconds left, the shot went up. Inches separated the ball from the fingertips of the defender, as Martin released an on-target corner three.

“The plan was to take a timeout at six seconds” Martin said. “But that couldn’t happen, so I took the shot, and it felt good as I shot the ball.”

As the game-winning shot dropped through the net, the stands erupted. Martin had shot well from arc in the game – going four for eight with 16 points in 18 minutes of play.

“Zac Martin was probably the most excited one out there,” Gilliss said. “It



Buster Gilliss and his boys huddled up in a timeout.

was an all-around team effort. I have to give credit to the players for executing their offense.”

The Lumberjacks had only three seconds left to get off a shot to win the game; it would need to be a three pointer. Not losing composure, the Mystics played stellar defense and prevented the Jacks from even getting off a shot.

The Mystics claimed victory in a score of 94-92 and stunned the now, 15-2 Bottineau Lumberjacks.

“It was an exciting finish that’s for sure,” Gilliss said.



Luke Leingang going up for two in the second half in the match against Dakota College at Bottineau Thursday, Jan. 11. Photograph by Hunter Andes

Who Will become Champions?

Levi Holzer for The Mystician

The Super Bowl is one of the most popular sporting events watched in the new year. This year’s Super Bowl is being played at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The playoffs are just getting good with the Divisional round beginning, and the Wild Card round ending in fashion.

The Tennessee Titans traveled to Kansas City to take on the Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium for the first AFC Wild Card Matchup; coming from behind to win 22-21 with the leadership of Marcus Mariota.

In a game that looked like the Los Angeles Rams would win with it being at home and having the top offense in the NFL, the Atlanta Falcons dehorned the Rams and went on to win 26-13 in the first NFC Wild Card matchup.

In the second AFC Wild Card matchup, the Buffalo Bills traveled to take on the Jacksonville Jaguars. While both teams played extreme defense in a high tense game, the Jaguars came out victorious in a 10-3 win. The Carolina Panthers went to New Orleans to play their NFC South Division Rivals, the Saints, in the second NFC Wild Card matchup. The Saints came out ahead

in a score of 31-26.

The Divisional round started the weekend of Jan. 13 when the Atlanta Falcons went to take on the number one seed Philadelphia Eagles for the first NFC Divisional matchup.

The Tennessee Titans travelled to play the New England Patriots for the first AFC Divisional matchup.

The Divisional round continued play Jan. 14, where the New Orleans Saints travelled to Minnesota to play the Vikings. This was a rematch from the first game of the regular season for the second NFC Divisional Matchup, and a nail biting finish at that.

In the second AFC Divisional Matchup, the Jacksonville Jaguars went to take on the Steelers.

Sports news people have been making their predictions about who will be going to the Super Bowl, and about who will be taking home the Lombardi Trophy.

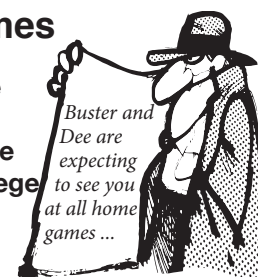
Some Bismarck State College students predicted that it will be the Vikings advancing and staying in Minneapolis/Saint Paul. They also said the Patriots would probably be playing the Vikings in the Super Bowl.



BSC Upcoming Home Basketball Games

5:30/7:30 p.m.	Jan 29	Dawson Community College
5:30/7:30 p.m.	Feb. 1	Lake Region State College
5:30/7:30 p.m.	Feb. 8	N.D. State College of Science
5:30/7:30 p.m.	Feb. 15	United Tribes Technical College

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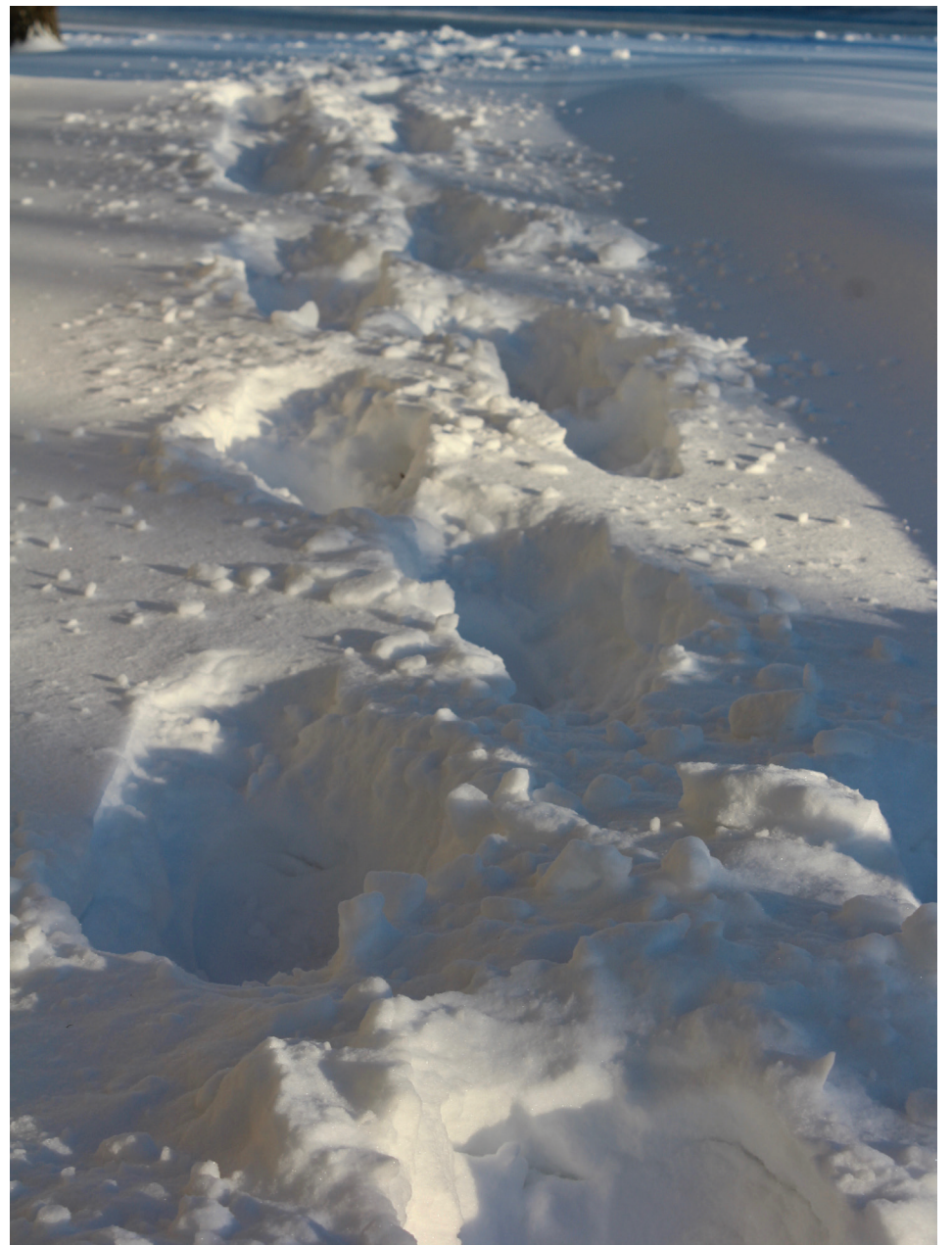
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The College Football Playoffs are a common sight for football fans and players around the world. Since 2014, it has been set up as a four-team playoff bracket with two semifinal games and a national championship game. However, many want the CFB tournament committee to expand the four team to a 16-team playoff system.

The tournament committee needs to make this change in the near future and

make it stay for the future of college football. The TV ratings for college football during the postseason would be higher than they are right now and it would be more enjoyable to watch.

The opposing argument would most likely be on how all the bowl games would be played in the 16-team system. If there is a will – there is a way—a way that the bowl games could continue in existence in the new system.



Just another day in North Dakota

Snow and beauty usually don't run in the same sentence in North Dakota. However, Bismarck State College had a few scenes some may consider beautiful.

After the storm on Wednesday, Jan. 7, snow piles and walking through a foot of snow were a common sight—not to mention the sub-zero wind-chill.

Sun dogs could also be seen late that week. As the old timers say: You know it's cold when you can see a sun dog.